

## **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

Fiscal Year 2004

Commission members: Edith Byron (chair), Peggy Cole Wood, Carol Lee, Bernice Rosenthal, Lora Simon, Gretchen Fox, and Petula Bloomfield.

Two large wall hangings by Petula Bloomfield, originally on exhibit as one of the winners of APAC's Visiting Art competition of the previous year, were accepted as a gift by the Town and will remain on display in the Town Room of Town Hall. These hangings were partly a gift by the artist and partly a private donation.

MILL RIVER NEWT, a stone sculpture created by John Sendelbach for the Mill River Recreation Area, was completed in August 2003; the dedication ceremony was held on October 18, 2003. This sculpture was paid for by private donation and given in memory of Kevin Brown.

FUGUE, a stained-glass window by Mark Ricker, was completed during the winter and will be installed in Town Hall during the summer of 2004. The work was funded by private donation and a grant from the Amherst Cultural Council.

APAC held a competition for designs to be painted on the support columns on the lower level of the Amherst Parking Garage. Seven artists had their designs accepted, and a total of twelve columns have been painted in the garage. The artists have been paid \$100 for each column they painted. APAC gratefully acknowledges the gift of materials from Cole Lumber and Leader Home Center, \$106.50 and \$50, respectively. The artists are Wayne Gagnon, Bernice Rosenthal, Lauren and Christine Toubeau, Heather Wick, Mary Klaes, Brendan Burn, and Lauren Hazel.

The winners of this year's Visiting Art competition displayed their work in the Amherst Town Hall from July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004. They were: Carol Belliveau, Sharon Carty, Michael Chan, Sue Katz, Lynn Lovell, Nancy Murphy, John Power, Janet Reider, and Nicole Roux.

At the end of the year, Peggy Cole Wood and Bernice Rosenthal resigned from the Commission, after three and four years of excellent service, respectively. With thanks and regret, their resignations were accepted.